Welcome to term 3 and our January newsletter! We started the term with Roddy Riddle speaking at our assembly, giving us the message ‘never give up!’.

We have a very busy term ahead; you can keep up to date with what is happening in our school and classes by following us on our school blog and/or twitter. [https://inshesweb2.wordpress.com](https://inshesweb2.wordpress.com) twitter @inshes_ps
If you don’t have access to internet you can request paper copies through the school office.

**News from our Pupils**

We have now launched our new school aims

The aims were created by pupils, parents and staff. Our P7 pupils have created a poster to share our aims (displayed around our school). All pupils have been given activities to understand what the aims mean to them. These activities will be set at assemblies throughout the term.

**Latest from Inshes Digital Leaders:**
The whole school will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on 6th February. Classes will be working on different activities leading up to the day. The Digital Leaders have already given Supporter Registration Certificates to be displayed on classroom doors to show support.

We hope that we can all have fun learning about using the internet safely, having empathy for others and showing respect to all on the internet. All children can also take part in our Digital Mascot Competition!

**Fruity Fridays** are also going incredibly well, more and more children are now participating and it is lovely to see so many of them enjoying tasting different fruits and taking part in the dress down Fridays.

Term 3 or 4, classes will visit **Farr Cabin**. These trips have always been very successful and fun and staff and children enjoy the opportunity to explore the outside and learn together.

**Eco Committee News:**
The Eco group has helped to set up and promote **‘Language of the Month’** within our school. Each month, a new language is chosen and all classes are given the opportunity to learn key words and phrases and to take part in activities in class too.

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**Stay digital, stay safe!**

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Pupil enrolment

**Primary 1:**
Children, who will be five years of age on or before 28th February 2019, are eligible to enrol for Primary 1, starting August 2018. P1 enrolment week is Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February ‘18. Children must be enrolled into their catchment school.

**Early Learning and Childcare (nursery):**
Children born between 1st March 2014 and 29th February 2016 are entitled to a funded Early Learning and Childcare place. For Early Learning and Childcare places enrolment week will be Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February ‘18.

We encourage families to use the Council’s website where you can complete the enrolment process online for both Primary 1 and Early Learning and Childcare places, and also access the necessary pupil enrolment guidance information – [www.highland.gov.uk/schoolenrolment](http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolenrolment).

You still have the option of enrolling your child in person at catchment school or nursery. You can do this during office hours Monday to Friday 8.30am–4pm.

House keeping

At the end of last term some food items went missing from school bags and lunch boxes. **Pack-lunches** are now brought to dedicated box/area in the classroom and snacks for break are put in trays in classrooms. As weather (hopefully!) gets warmer you may want to put an ice block or frozen item in pack-lunch boxes to keep items fresh and cool throughout the morning.

We encourage pupils to leave **toys and electronic** devices at home to avoid items go missing or break (the school can’t ensure items can be kept safe). If pupils bring phones and smart watches to school: **Electronic devices have to be handed into class teacher first thing in the morning and will be given back when pupil leaves school at the end of the day.**

Head lice can be a problem within schools and the wider community. If head lice are detected, Pharmacists are able to advice on the management of a head louse infection. We will contact you if we detect head lice and will be able to give advice and support about treatment if required.

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Preventative treatment does not work and over-use of treatments may lead to resistance.

**Parent Council**
It was great to have a large number of Parents/Carers attending our last meeting! Some decisions taken: A response to proposed Education Governance will be submitted to Scottish Government. Funding to school was agreed for new tracksuits (for sporting events).

A school disco will take place at the school on Thursday 15th February:
- N-P3 6.30-7.30pm
- P4-7 7.45-8.45pm
Please e-mail if you are able to help out: inshesprimarypc@gmail.com

Next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th March 7.30pm. Parents/Carers welcome to attend!

**Family Engagement**
We are keen to welcome families into our school on regular basis. This term there are several opportunities for you to be part of our learning journey! Parents’ evenings, where you will meet with your child’s teacher, take place in March. On Thursday 22nd February we will welcome P1-3 families to join pupils in classes to share and set next steps in learning (this is a slightly different approach as P4-7 classes will share their learning through performances on different dates). Key Assessment Tasks will be sent home through homework tasks (P1-7) - we welcome your comments!

P4 and P5 classes are busy working on a performance linked to the global goals. We would like to invite you to their performance on **Tuesday 13th March**. We welcome Scottish Opera to work with P6 and P7 classes. The end product will be a performance to families on **Monday 12th March ‘The Dragon of the Western Sea’**.

**Community Engagement**
Our badminton team was successful in recent inter-school competition with a number of pupils qualifying to Highland wide qualifier for Scotland school championship. Well done!

Early in the term our P5 pupils attended a tennis festival at Millburn Academy, organised by Inverness Tennis Academy. They had a great afternoon playing against pupils from other schools.

**Adverse weather**
To enquire about school closures in times of adverse weather, please phone: Highland Council Number 0800 564 2272
Enter school’s own pin number when prompted: 04 3290

**Road Safety and School Car Park**
Only vehicles for disability access are allowed to enter the carpark between 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 3.15pm. Please remember that you can park at Inshes Park or at the nearby Inshes Retail Park, Thank you for keeping us safe!

**Dates for session 2017-2018**
- Closes: Wednesday 28th March
- Opens: Monday 16th April
- Closes: Friday 29th June

**Other closures:**
- Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February for holiday and staff training
- Monday 7th May
- Monday 4th June

Please note our school is closed to pupils Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February.

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Calendar
Calendar for term 3 and 4 can be found here. Please note dates may change / be added. Please check for updates on monthly newsletter.

Term 3:

January

| Monday 29th | P1 enrolment week |

February

| Tuesday 6th | Safer Internet Day – whole school involvement Nursery-P7 |
| Friday 9th  | Dental inspections P1 and P7 pupils |
| Monday 12th | Nursery enrolment week |
| Thursday 15th | School disco, arranged by parent council 6.30-7.30pm Nursery-P3 / 7.45-8.45pm P4-7 |
| Monday 19th | Holiday - school shut to all |
| Tuesday 20th | Holiday – school shut to all |
| Wednesday 21st | INSET day – school shut to pupils |
| Thursday 22nd | Open Afternoon P1-P3 1.30-2.30pm |
| Friday 23rd  | Fruity Friday Dress Down Day |
| Tuesday 27th | Scottish Opera visiting - rehearsals with P6 and P7 classes |

March

| Thursday 1st | World Book Day – P7 to lead activities |
| Tuesday 6th  | 7.30pm Parent Council meeting – all welcome! |
| Monday 12th | Scottish Opera rehearsal P6/P7 am P6 and P7 Opera performance pm - families welcome! |
| Tuesday 13th | P4/P5 performance 1.30pm – families welcome! |
| Thursday 15th | P7 HWB event Millburn Academy am |
| Tuesday 20th | Parents evening 4-7pm |
| Wednesday 21st | McRobert cup P2-P7 |
| Thursday 22nd | Parents evening 5.30-7.30pm |
| Friday 23rd  | Fruity Friday Dress Down Day |
| Tuesday 27th | P7 DYW event Millburn Academy |
| Wednesday 28th | School closing normal time for holiday |